

including on said electrode a liquid crystal-polymer composite material layer comprising liquid crystals and resin.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-18 are pending as of the filing of this Amendment.

1. Priority

The Examiner noted in the Office Action that, while applicant had made a claim for foreign priority based on applications filed in Japan on 27 April 1994 and 17 April 1995, applicant had not yet filed a certified copy of the Japanese applications as required by 35 U.S.C. §119(b). Applicant respectfully submits that, on October 29, 1999, a Claim For Convention Priority was filed by which duly certified copies of the Japanese applications were submitted.

2. Drawings

The drawings were objected to as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.84(p)(5) because the reference to part number "63" in Figure 42 is not identified in the specification. Applicant will correct Figure 42 and/or amend the specification to obviate this objection upon formal allowance of the pending claims.

3. Specification

The Examiner objected to the abstract of the disclosure because it is more than one paragraph and should not exceed 260 words in length. Applicant has amended the abstract herein to obviate this objection.

4. Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to claims 4-9 and 13-15 under 37 C.F.R. 1.75 as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim may not depend from another multiple dependent claim. These claims have been amended herein to obviate this objection.

5. Claim Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 1-2, 10-12 and 16-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takanashi et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,315,410. The Examiner rejected claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Takanashi in view of Ando et al. U.S. Patent No. 4,692,779 and Shimizu et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,646,927.

Applicant has cancelled claims 1-3, 10-12 and 16-18 herein without prejudice or disclaimer towards filing a continuing application. Claims 4, 8, 13, 14 and 15 have been amended herein as follows: claim 4 incorporates the limitations of claim 1 from which it depended; claim 8 incorporates the limitations of claim 2 from which it depended; and each of claims 13, 14, and 15 incorporate the limitations of claim 10 from which they depended. New claims 19 through 28 have been added to capture the remaining claim dependency associated with claims 1, 2 and 10. Remaining claims 5-9 have not been amended. All claims are believed

to be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that each of Claims 4-9, 13-15 and 19-28 herein is patentable. Early and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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